

Jim Kostman and Jeff Goldberg,

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And anyone else in AIB who wants to get pissed off:

It would be easiest to pay no attention to your 2:4 issue. I almost did. Then I realized this might lead Jim on and that I won't do. I also came to believe that silence could be misinterpreted.

For the AIB the autopsy stuff is good. This is not to say that in and of itself it is good. It is factually and doctrinally flawed.

The King stuff, which at its inspirational best is puffery for the FBI and its current whitewashers, is terrible. No, that is too much of an understatement. It is an atrocity. Even when I recall what desecration has not forced from my mind of the incredibly bad things the AIB has done.

It would do no good to try to reason with you. Especially not when I find from this issue that Jeff tells me one thing about the arrangement for comment on the hearings on radio and TV while they were going on and I find a different version in the AIB's ego-tripping in this issue.

I'd told Jim I'd help with his preparations for the coming disaster you were able to do your share in bringing to pass. I won't because in good conscience I can't. If you did not give me this moral and ethical problem I'd still have to ask myself why spend any time that way, given the futility of the time I've spent already.

You do your thing, your way, and when you grow up you can live with it. From what you have been able to live with of your past and recent past you'll probably have no problems.

You are still welcome to use my records any time it is not inconvenient for us but not in any way that can associate me with your monstrosities. Written or verbal.

I'm sorry I have no real choice. I wish it could be otherwise.

The tragedy is that you do not intend what you always manage to do.

But you were not content to pave a road to hell. First you dualized it and now you would broaden both lanes.

You Belins of the left need your own Rosetta stone. On one side you can begin with the committee's leak becoming Times journalistic derring-do. Another side might begin with how this was another FBI Counterspying of the committee and unofficial nitwits. With either it all goes downward from there, so start at the top.

Sincerely,